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PEONIES

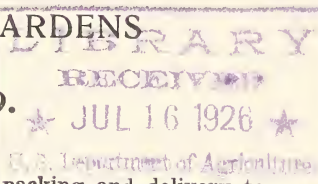
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WHOLESALE

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ORONOGO FLOWER GARDENS

Carterville, Mo.



Prices are for 100 of a variety, and include packing and delivery to transportation company here. 25 of a variety at 100 rate, provided order totals 100 or more. Of the varieties quoted at 250 rate, 25 or more of a kind will be furnished at the 250 rate, provided total of order is for 250 or more plants.

Terms: Cash before shipment, or satisfactory adjustment of credit at time of placing order. Offers are only of stock on hand when order is received.

Items from the retail list ordered with items from this list may be used in estimating the total count of the order, and will be subject to a discount of 8c per plant on account of transportation costs.

The figures preceding the names of the varieties are the ratings given by The American Peony Society.

EARLY VARIETIES

9.3 *Festiva Maxima*. Massive pure white, with splashes of crimson. \$20.00. 250 for \$45.00.

Miscellaneous Singles. For landscape or garden effect. Colors run from light pink to red. \$16.00.

8.5 *Octavie Demay*. Beautiful pale pink. Very early. \$36.00.

Edulis Superba (?). Was bought under name of "L'Esperance." Dark pink, serving the purpose of light red. \$18.00. 250 for \$40.00.

6.4 *Lutea Plenissima*. Similar to *Duchesse de Nemours*, a little more yellowish when opening, with a little more green in center. \$18.00. 250 for \$40.00.

7.9 *Mme. De Verneville*. Rosy or creamy white changing to pure white, with splashing of crimson on edges of petals. \$20.00. 250 for \$45.00.

Hollis Dark Single. Single, very dark red, with center cushion of yellow stamens. The earliest variety in this list. \$24.00.

EARLY MID-SEASON VARIETIES

7.1 *Alexandriana*. An enormous flower, violet-rose. Very tall heavy stem. \$24.00.

8.1 *Duchesse de Nemours*. One of the loveliest of all white peonies. Opens pale sulphur-yellow. \$20.00. 250 for \$45.00.

8.6 *Mme. Auguste Dessert*. Fresh light pink, with crimson flecks on center petals. \$32.00.

6.5 *Meissonier*. Brilliant crimson. \$28.00. 250 for \$63.00.

7.6 *Virginie*. Light pink, shaded straw color. \$28.00.

8.4 *Marguerite Gerard*. Large broad flower of pale hydrangea-pink. Tall. \$24.00.

LATE MID-SEASON VARIETIES

7.9 *Mme. Crousse*. Superbly beautiful pure white. Robust grower. Powerful rose fragrance. \$20.00. 250 for \$45.00.

7.8 *Queen Emma*. Rich brilliant pink. A first class commercial flower. \$40.00.

7.8 *Modeste Guerin*. Solferino-red. \$24.00.

7.1 *Delachei*. Brilliant dark red. \$24.00.

Single Tall Red. A profuse-blooming light red variety, fine for landscape effect or to cut for decorating. For both purposes the single varieties have decided advantages over the heavy-weight doubles. \$16.00. 250 for \$36.00.

Lavender Rose. Flower large and fluffy. Plant very tall and strong. \$32.00.

8.2 Marcelle Dessert. Milk-white, faintly dotted lilac. Stem and leaf-stems dark red. \$72.00.

8.7 Avalanche. White. Tall stem, fine for cutting. \$28.00.

LATE VARIETIES

7.6 Delicatissima. Lilac-rose. Always blooms and profusely. \$24.00. 250 for \$54.00.

8.0 Festiva. Similar to Festiva Maxima, but a dwarf grower, color of flower a little more solid. \$16.00.

7.8 Modele de Perfection. Dwarf but sturdy grower with large flower, color a rich pink. \$32.00.

8.1 Couronne d'Or. Large broad flower; pure white with crimson splashes on edges of center petals. A valuable commercial variety here. \$20.00. 250 for \$45.00.

8.7 Claire Dubois. Violet-rose. A superb flower and thoroughly reliable. \$48.00.

8.5 Mme. Emile Galle. Exquisitely dainty white with opalescent tints. \$28.00.

7.5 Constant Devred. Dark rose-carmine, the most vivid color in my planting. \$52.00.

8.8 Karl Rosenfield. A gorgeous red, and a superb variety. \$72.00. 250 for \$162.00.

7.5 Marechal Vaillant. Lee's Grandiflora Rubra. Dark mauve-pink, massive. Another vivid color. \$20.00.

Mme. Fould. Tall and strong. Blush white. Very late. A superb flower, but sometimes fails to open. \$20.00.

To serve as a commercial variety a peony must have good color, a fairly good stem, must open easily, must stand as a cut-flower without wilting, must last several days after cutting, and must come out of cold storage without falling to pieces. A variety deficient in some of these points may still be admirable for the home market, for home use, or for garden or landscape effect. Of this list, besides those already noted, the following are good commercial varieties: Festiva Maxima, Octavie Demay, Lutea Plenissima, Mme. de Verneville, Duchesse de Nemours, Meissonier, Virginie, Delicatissima, Modele de Perfection, Claire Dubois.

For cut flowers it is desirable to have a succession, the first flowers of the season bringing a little extra demand. The heaviest sales are for Decoration Day and for graduation exercises, and a large share of the planting should be selected to give blooms for these occasions. As the seasons vary, it is necessary to have also varieties that come earlier, but any good commercial bloom can be held a week or ten days in a good ice box.

When the blooms are wanted for cut flowers, all side-buds should be pinched out when small, and all blooms should be cut before fully open. When the blooms are to be shipped or stored, the buds should be cut when only well started to open.

Peonies should be kept well cultivated, and free of grass and weeds. Outside of that they require but little care or attention, a clump costing about as much per year to grow as a hill of potatoes; and a very large value, both of investment and income, can be planted and managed in a comparatively small space. Unless the yards of your town are already well supplied with peonies, a planting of good varieties is sure to create an energetic demand both for flowers and for plants.

IRISES

Pseudacorus. Golden yellow, flat flower. Magnificent foliage. Apogon type. \$6.00.

Ochroleuca. Orientalis Gigantea. White with orange blotch. This is one of the most superb of all hardy irises. Apogon type. \$6.00.

Sibirica Dark Blue. \$2.00. \$15.00 per 1,000.

German, Ciengialti. Blue. Stately, like Pallida Dalmatica, but smaller, darker, of exquisite fragrance, a remarkably healthy grower, and a solid mass of color when in bloom. \$4.00.

German, Pallida Dalmatica. \$4.00.

German, Choice Collection. Choice varieties, some not identified, but each packed to itself. 100 for \$6.00. 250 for \$12.00.